

proprietors of Music Halls, and see if they will not help to protect us trained Nurses from the pirating of our official garb by a class of women who have no right to wear it, by refusing admittance to persons in the uniform of a trained Nurse? This would be an immense help to us, as no self-respecting Nurse would visit a Music Hall in uniform. Not that I wish to depreciate these places of amusement—which I am told are excellently conducted—but somehow there is incongruity between them and the Hospital ward.

Yours truly,  
ELEANOR MACKENZIE.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

MADAM,—I can hardly conceive "A Hospital Governor" having such weak nerves as to be "shocked" at seeing a Nurse in uniform at a theatre. I am sure that the uniform, if neat, clean, and on a good figure, looks remarkably well—much more so than some of the evening dresses one sees at a theatre. But be that as it may, why should a Probationer, who may very seldom have the opportunity of going to a theatre, have to provide an evening dress for the occasion, merely to counteract the susceptibility of "A Hospital Governor"? I may mention that I saw a Nurse in the dress circle of the Princess' Theatre, Manchester, and was pleased to see how well and neat she looked in her uniform. Any entertainment that is fit for a Nurse to attend, she need not be ashamed to appear in uniform.

Yours, &c.,  
SECRETARY.

#### NURSES AND TEMPERANCE.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

MADAM,—I was much pleased to see in a recent issue of your paper, a protest from one belonging to the large body of Nurses who were recently stigmatised at the meeting at Grosvenor House, as being all fond of "wine and strong drink." To me it seemed most unfair, as every properly-trained Nurse is taught that self-control is absolutely necessary in dealing with patients; also that to fly to the brandy bottle in an emergency is held to distinguish between a trained and untrained Nurse.

Another rather important item—the sweeping denunciation of almost the entire body of trained Nurses, with the exception of just the very small number sent out from the Temperance Hospital, the latter being mentioned as the best, the healthiest, and the most cheerful—is rather doubtful. For why should Nurses trained at the Brompton Consumption Hospital not be included, as during my stay there, milk, tea and coffee was all that was allowed?

*Who are Nurses?*

The greater number have been carefully educated, and reared in good homes, which influence cannot surely be lost so completely as to render them suddenly such a lost race of beings.

I think I have said enough, although I feel sure that this is an attack upon us in which there are hundreds of fellow-workers who will also sympathise with me in the cause.

AN EXPERIENCED NURSE.

#### ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

DEAR MADAM,—May I join with a Glasgow Nurse (whose letter appears in the NURSING RECORD of this week) in offering my thanks to you for keeping (us in touch with events passing in the Nursing world?

It is true we should get only a very one-sided idea of (to us) very important matters if it were not for the RECORD.

I must confess to being startled on learning that the Royal British Nurses' Association intends to oppose the legal Registration of Nurses. I had always understood that it was the aim of the Royal British Nurses' Association to obtain such Registration.

Our quarterly journal gives us only very little information as to the movements of the Association, and during the past year, since I have been away from London, I have had to depend almost entirely on the NURSING RECORD for news of it.

I also remember the bomb which Miss Mollett exploded at the Council Meeting in 1889, when she proposed that the Association should apply for the Royal Charter. In spite of great opposition, the battle of the Nurses was won—if it did last a few years. Surely they will not give up now, as regards the Parliamentary Bill.

It may take a long time—we waited a long time for the Charter—and we can wait until "the gods, some mortals," &c., consider us worthy of State Registration. I suppose there is some truth in the maxim that "great bodies move slowly."

We must remember the motto of our Association to be "steadfast and true." Like many others, I had supposed that every effort would be made to obtain State Registration. We members of the Royal British Nurses' Association must evidently remember the words of the bard, when he advises us "Never to take anything for granted."

Apologising for taking up so much of your space,  
I am, Madam,

Yours truly,  
SISTER H.,

Member Royal British Nurses' Association,  
Glasgow.

#### IRISH HOSPITALS.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

DEAR MADAM,—Having seen in to-day's RECORD a letter from "Mercy and Truth," I would like to corroborate what she says. I was trained in Ireland, and was for one year in one of the largest Dublin Hospitals, viz., the Adelaide, where we had nothing to complain of in the way of food. We always had tea or coffee and bread and butter before going in the wards at 7 a.m.; breakfast at 8.30, at which the Matron presided; dinner 1.30 or 2.15; tea at 5; and supper at 9 p.m. I do not remember any of the Nurses being ill whilst I was there. I think the general idea amongst English Nurses is that the Irish Hospitals are very inferior to theirs. I do not agree with this. We got an excellent training, our hours of duty were not too long, and our Nurses' Home was comfortable.

I remain, Madam,  
Yours truly,  
AN EIGHT YEARS' NURSE.

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